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Letter dated 14 October 1999 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present, 21 Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states as follows:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (1997-1998) are the following:

	United States dollars
Bosnia and Herzegovina[a]	39 490.52
Burundi	143 631.00
Central African Republic	122 281.00
Comoros[a]	627 131.00
Congo[b]	315 941.00
Democratic Republic of the Congo	39 905.00
Georgia[c]	4 433 905.00
Guinea-Bissau[b]	273 431.00
Iraq	9 122 931.00
Kyrgyzstan	500 758.00
Liberia	938 649.00
Mauritania	122 131.00

	United States dollars
Nicaragua[b]	48 389.70
Niger	141 776.00
Republic of Moldova[d]	1 304 902.00
Sao Tome and Principe	403 831.00
Seychelles	87 676.00
Somalia	805 231.00
Tajikistan[a]	1 948 665.84
Vanuatu	95 117.00
Yugoslavia	12 669 895.00

[a] By its resolution 53/36 F of 28 July 1999, the General Assembly decided that Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Comoros and Tajikistan would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2000.

[b] By its decision 53/406 C of 7 April 1999, the General Assembly also decided that the Congo, Guinea-Bissau and Nicaragua would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 30 June 2000.

[c] By its resolution 53/36 G of 28 July 1999, the General Assembly decided to grant Georgia temporary exemption under Article 19 of the Charter so that it might be permitted to vote in the Assembly until a final decision on the matter was taken by the Assembly.

[d] By its resolution 53/36 F of 28 July 1999, the General Assembly decided that the Republic of Moldova would be permitted to vote in the Assembly until 31 December 1999.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General